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Via FOIA Online

Freedom of Information Officer
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 3
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request for Records Related to Green Infrastructure Watershed Restoration Plans

To Whom This May Concern:

This is a request for public records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. Section 552, as implemented by the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) at 40 C.F.R. Part 2. For purposes of this request, the definition of “records” includes, but is not limited to, documents, letters, memoranda, notes, reports, e-mail messages (including e-mails to and from personal e-mail accounts), minutes, handouts, policy statements, data, technical evaluations or analysis, and studies.

Background

In 2019, the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act was enacted (H.R. 7279 (115th)). The Watershed Infrastructure Act Green Infrastructure Promotion requires that “the Administrator shall direct each regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency, as appropriate based on local factors, and consistent with the requirements of this Act, to promote and integrate the use of green infrastructure within the region, including through...the incorporation of green infrastructure into permitting...” Green Infrastructure is defined within the Act as “the range of measures that use plant or soil systems, permeable pavement or other permeable surfaces or substrates, stormwater harvest and reuse, or landscaping to store, infiltrate, or evapotranspire stormwater and reduce flows to sewer systems or to surface waters.”

Request

This request seeks any records where EPA Region 3 has indicated whether or not watershed restoration plans and green infrastructure are permitted for addressing water quality impairments.

Please contact the undersigned if the associated search and duplication costs are anticipated to exceed \$100.00. Please duplicate the records that are responsive to this request and send it to the undersigned at the above address. If the requested record is withheld based upon any asserted privilege, please identify the basis for the non-disclosure. This request may not be consolidated with any other request submitted by Hall & Associates.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact this office so as to ensure that only the necessary document is duplicated.

Respectfully,

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